

Application No. 09/787,953
Response dated June 18, 2004
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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to Figs. 7 and 8. Figs. 7 and 8 have been corrected in this response to add a legend, "Related Art."

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REMARKS

Claims 4, 5, 7 and 8 are pending, of which claims 4, 5, 7 and 8 have been amended. Claims 1-3 and 6 have been cancelled. No new claims have been added.

(1) Figs. 7 and 8 were objected to, which have been corrected in this response to add a legend, "Related Art."

(2) Claims 2-5 and 8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite.

Claims 4, 5 and 8 have been amended in this response to overcome the rejection.

(3) Claims 1 and 6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Masahiro (JP 8-111189).

Claims 1 and 6 have been cancelled in this response.

(4) Claims 2 and 3 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Masahiro (JP 8-111189).

Claims 2 and 3 have been canceled in this response.

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(5) Claim 7 has been amended to incorporate the limitation of claim 6.

(6) In view of the above, claims 4, 5, 7 and 8, as herein amended, are in condition for allowance.

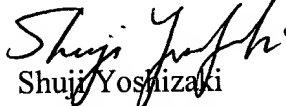
Applicants request such action at an early date.

If the Examiner believes that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' agent at the telephone number indicated below to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case. The limited recognition is attached herewith.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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Limited Recognition

Attachment: Limited Recognition
Replacement Sheet
Annotated Sheet Showing Changes

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Fig.7

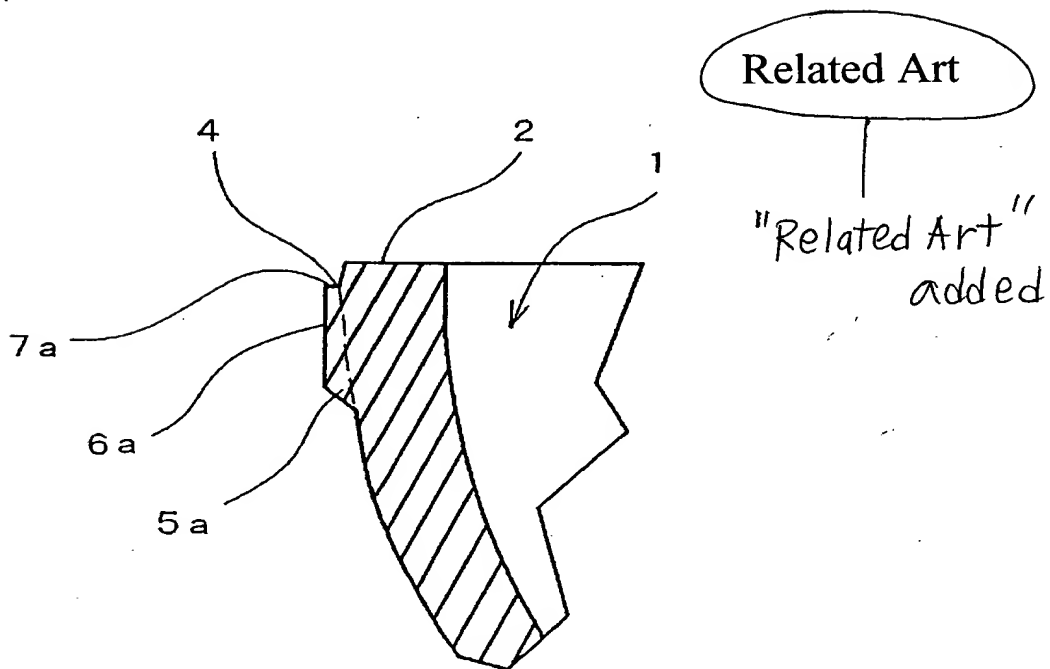


Fig.8

